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NEW PROFESSIONAL FORCE .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to create a new Professional Force ofcrack commandos equipped with gadgets for relief and rescue operation during national calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new Professional Force is likely to be deployed in all the States; and

(d) if so, the total expenditure likely to be borne by the Centre on the creation of the said force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d): There is no proposal under consideration for creation of a professional force of crack commandos equipped with gadgets for rescue and relief during natural calamities. However, there is a proposal to raise a Specialised Disaster Response Organisation

(SDRO) with two units to be called Specialised Disaster Response Units (SDRUs) taugment/supplement the resources of the States and the nodal Ministries at the Centre byproviding specialized resources in natural and man made disaster, which are unanticipated and need specialized response. This proposal is at very initial and formative stage and yet to get a clear shape. The cost of these units is estimated to be of Rs.60.87 crores.